Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A job guidance and assistance system for guiding and assisting a job of producing a document ~~with using a computer~~, comprising:

a referring record database;

a referring record searcher;

a document production record searcher;

a similarity estimator; and

a computer, wherein the computer is programmed to:

~~a referring record database for memorizing therein~~ store in the referring record database a relationship ~~built up~~ formed between a document to be produced and a reference material, which is referred to for producing the document;

~~a referring record search means for searching out~~ search for the relationship between the document to be produced and the reference material, which is ~~memorized~~ stored in the referring record database, by using the referring record searcher; ~~and~~

~~a document production record search means for searching out~~ search for a reference relationship between the document and the reference material, by using the document production record searcher; and

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form the relationship, by using the similarity estimator, wherein the relationship is based on a comparison of at least one word appearing in the document to be produced and the reference document, a comparison of categories of the document to be produced and the reference document, and a comparison of a referring time or a referring frequency of the document to be produced and the reference document.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The job guidance and assistance system ~~with using a computer~~, as described in claim 1, further comprising ~~a display~~ means for ~~display~~ displaying the relationship ~~thereon~~.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The job guidance assistance system ~~with using a computer~~, as described in ~~the claim 2~~claim 1, wherein said similarity estimator~~estimation means~~ estimates that the reference material is opened, if the reference material is opened ~~during~~ when the document to be produced is opened.

6. (currently amended) A job guidance and assistance method ~~with using~~ implemented by a computer, for guiding and assisting ~~job~~ a job for producing a document, comprising ~~the following~~ steps of operating the computer to:

~~accumulating~~ accumulate a document to be produced and a reference material, which is referred to for producing the document, into a database, in a hierarchical manner, while establishing a relationship ~~therebetween~~ between the document and the reference material; ~~and~~

~~displaying~~ display the hierarchical relationship; and

form the relationship, wherein the relationship is based on a comparison of at least one word appearing in the document to be produced and the reference document, a comparison of categories of the document to be produced and the reference document, and a comparison of a referring time or a referring frequency of the document to be produced and the reference document.

7. (currently amended) The job guidance and assistance method ~~with using a computer~~, as described in ~~the~~ claim 6, wherein the relationship ~~is built up between the document to be produced and the reference document, by making comparison on at least one of a word appearing in the document, by making a comparison on at least one of a word appearing in the document to be produced and the reference document, at a rare frequency thereof, a categories of the document to be produced and the reference document, and a referring time or a referring frequency of the document to be produced and the reference document, and it~~ is searchable when

producing a <u>new</u> document ~~newly~~ or renewing an existing document, ~~upon basis of~~ based on ~~that~~ <u>the</u> relationship <u>formed</u>~~built up~~.

8. (currently amended) The job guidance and assistance method ~~with using a computer~~, as described in ~~the~~ claim 7, wherein the relationship ~~built up by the~~ <u>based on the at least one</u> word appearing ~~at rate frequency~~ is executed with using a plural number of words, in an order starting from a word, which appears in the document to be produced, at the least.

9. (currently amended) The job guidance and assistance system ~~with using a computer~~, as described in ~~the claim 2~~<u>claim 1</u>, wherein ~~all of~~ said similarity <u>estimator</u>~~estimation means~~, said ~~refer record search means~~<u>referring record searcher</u>, and said document production record <u>searcher</u> ~~search means are made of~~ software programs<u> implemented by the computer</u>.